

## SENATE—Thursday, March 23, 2000

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Gracious Father, Giver of every good gift for our growth as Your people, we acknowledge our utter dependence on You. All that we have we received from You. You sustain us day by day, moment by moment. We deliberately empty our minds and hearts of anything that does not glorify You. We release to you any pride, self-serving attitude, or willfulness that we may have harbored in our hearts. We ask You to take from us anything that makes it difficult not only to love but to like certain people. May our relationships reflect Your initiative love and forgiveness.

We commit to You the work of this day. Fill this Chamber with Your presence and each Senator with Your power that whatever is planned or proposed may bring our Nation closer to Your righteousness in every aspect of our society. You are our Lord and Savior. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable CHUCK HAGEL, a Senator from the State of Nebraska, led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HAGEL). The acting majority leader.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, today the Senate will be in a period for morning business until 11 a.m. By previous consent, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the Wellstone amendment No. 2888 at 11 a.m. with 2 minutes equally divided prior to the vote. Following that vote, the Senate will immediately vote on final passage of the bill. Therefore, Senators may expect the first votes of the day at approximately 11 a.m. This afternoon, the Senate may begin consideration of any other Legislative or Executive Calendar items cleared for action.

### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—H.R. 3081 AND S. 2267

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, I understand there are two bills at the desk due for a second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bills by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3081) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax benefits for small businesses, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to increase the minimum wage, and for other purposes.

A bill (S. 2267) to direct the National Institute of Standards and Technology to establish a program to support research and training in methods of detecting the use of performance-enhancing substances by athletes, and for other purposes.

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, I object to further proceedings on these bills at this time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the rules, the bills will be placed on the calendar.

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, I had reserved 10 minutes for morning business. My friend from Nevada has a comment he wants to make.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I express my appreciation to the Senator. I want to speak now and use some of the leader's time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. I appreciate the courtesy of my friend from Colorado. He and I have worked together on many different issues.

### EXPORT ADMINISTRATION ACT

Mr. REID. Mr. President, this morning I want to talk about export controls. We all brag and are enthused about what is going on in the high-tech industry in America. There are stories we can tell of friends who have made huge amounts of money in the new economy.

It is truly unbelievable and remarkable what we can do today. This little thing I carry in my pocket has all my addresses and phone numbers. It has in it a dictionary. It has in it a calculator. It has in it the Old and New Testaments. It is unbelievable what is in this little, tiny thing I carry around in my pocket. With the flick of my hand, I can get anything I want out of this.

While we are talking a good game in Washington, we are not doing a good job to support this strong economy and to make sure the high-tech industry is allowed to continue.

We need to pass the Export Administration Act. We have not passed it. As

a result—and it will happen if we do not pass a law—this industry is going to go someplace else with the jobs. The Bureau of Export Administration and the Defense Department are still conducting their business as if we were in the cold war. The cold war is over, and we have to really understand the economic and political world has changed dramatically.

Last year, Senators GRAMM, ENZI, and JOHNSON, together with the leader, Senator LOTT, agreed to move forward the Export Administration Act before the end of 1999. Each one of those Senators has lived up to what they said they would do. They have tried to move the bill forward. The chairman of the Banking Committee, Senator GRAMM, has worked very hard to move this legislation forward. Senators ENZI and JOHNSON have worked hard. The majority leader has tried to move this legislation forward.

Frankly, the majority is unable to join together to allow us to move this bill forward. It was on the floor for an hour or so 2 weeks ago. I repeat, it is not for lack of trying by Senators GRAMM, ENZI, and JOHNSON. They all worked in good faith and have tried to accommodate everyone.

When the bill passed out of the Banking Committee, it had the full support of the committee, while still protecting our national security. I am afraid, due to the serious disagreements within the majority, this bill will not come to the floor anytime soon. That is really too bad.

I have the greatest respect and admiration for the ability of Senator GRAMM of Texas to legislate. He has done many things from the time he was in the House to his time in the Senate. I hope he can use some of the experience and wisdom he has to move this forward. The majority must move this bill. I do not believe we are living up to what is necessary for this burgeoning economy if we do not move this legislation.

A couple days ago, I met with members of the high-tech industry. They voiced concerns about the need to update our export policies. They said it was one of their two or three top concerns and, frankly, a few Members of the majority are stopping our Nation's progress in this area.

As with many issues, I often hear Congress will best serve the public and industry by doing nothing at all. That is simply not true. This is one of the areas in which we can be of great help to the high-tech community, in export controls. It is essential. There are currently a number of U.S. products that